

**IMC 2008 - May 25th - May 28th**

The International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA) is pleased to announce that its 6th International Marina Conference will be held May 25-28, 2008; on the Flemish coast off the North Sea in Ostend, Belgium. The Flemish Marina Community and the French Marinas Federation will coordinate the event, popularly referred to as IMC 2008.



The region of Flanders, which encompasses parts of Belgium and France, is ideal for the IMC's return to Europe. Not only is it a hub of recreational boating activity and a show place for marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs, it is a popular crossroad for boaters cruising the North Sea and English Channel. In the sense that it is close to Brussels, the seat of the European Economic Community which is key to the future of recreational boating as a sport and industry in this part of the world, Flanders is at the heart of things. The two-nation field trip planned for IMC 2008, to marinas Dunkerque, France and Nieuwpoort, Belgium, should have strong appeal to those who enjoy the first-hand learning experience of being able to visit local marina's, take pictures and ask questions to marina managers.

Planning the conference program is already under way. Two days of interactive panel discussions, tapping into the expertise of a battery of marina experts in Europe and around the world, will allow plenty of time for questions and comments from the audience. Shortly, there will be a call for papers, addressing selected topics.

As with earlier IMC's, how to operate and manage a marina for success will be of primary interest.

How to evaluate the economic impacts of marinas, for the benefit of private and public sector developers looking for facts and figures to back up their projects, and how to effectively network with allied interests, particularly in the tourist industry, are expected to be other topics. Because the need for this kind of information came out of discussions at IMC 2005, the ICOMIA Marina's Committee has assigned it top priority.

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